

DATE: July 19, 2012
TO: Authorized Representatives, National School Lunch Program
FROM: Karen Wooton, Coordinator, School Food Services Section
SUBJECT: Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program
Under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (The 6 Cent Rule)

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 provides an additional 6 cents per reimbursable lunch served for Local Education Agencies certified to be in compliance with the new school meal patterns. Please revisit the revised USDA memo below in addition to SP-34-2012.

[SP 31-2012- Revised](#)

Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Questions and Answers Related to the Certification of Compliance with Meal Requirements for the National School Lunch Program

USDA has also developed Certification Tools, which includes a Menu Worksheet module and a Simplified Nutrient Assessment module. The USDA memo and links to the Certification Tools are provided.

[SP 34-2012](#)

Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Certification of Compliance with New Meal Patterns – Certification Tools, Specifications, and Prototype Attestation Statement

- [New Meal Pattern Worksheets](#)

Please do not send any certification forms to our office at this time. We are in the process of determining the most efficient method to receive the Certification information. USDA is also in the process of providing additional Q & A's directly related to the certification process. We will provide this information as soon as it is available. We will keep you informed on the certification process and will provide additional information on the exact procedures to follow for completing and submitting the certification documentation to our office. Thank you for your patience and please know we are always available to assist you. We will work together with all of the new regulations.

If there are any problems opening the links above, they are also available under the School Food Services Website under USDA Memos. If you have any questions, contact our office at 573-751-7564 or schoolfoods@dese.mo.gov.